

# Senior Leadership Team Meeting Notes

03/26/2017

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (RA Conference Room)

Doug Benevento RA	X	Suzanne Bohan ARA ECEJ	X	K.C. Schefski RC (by phone)	X	Jeffrey Martinez CID	
Deb Thomas DRA	X	Kim Opekar DARA ECEJ	X	Brian Joffe Deputy RC	X	Lance Ehrig CID	
Patrick Davis, Sr. Advisor	X	Andrew Mutter Dir OCPI		Elyana Sutin Dep RC		Pat Gilbride IG	X
LR Coord. (vacant)		Martin Hestmark ARA OPRA		Darcy O'Connor ARA OWP	X		
RA Advisor Rep(s) Kim Varilek	X	Carl Daly DARA OPRA	X	Bert Garcia DARA OWP	X	Danny Nguyen	X
		Betsy Smidinger ARA EPR	X	Rick Buhl ARA TMS		Tina Artemis	X
		Sandy Stavnes DARA EPR	X	Patrice Kortuem DARA TMS	X		
Diane Moon, Recorder	X						

- Special Guest – N/A
- Special Topic – COOP and Devolution Danny Nguyen and Tina Artemis
  - COOP Devolution is scheduled for 6/14/18.
    - This is a half-day scheduled on RA/DRA/ARAs/DARAs calendars
    - Will be held at the NEIC, bldg. 25 at the Federal Center
    - It will be a scenario based exercise with a start time of approx. 7:30am
    - Planned telework scenario will also be scheduled that day (or close to) for all employees. (Flexible based on work and office needs.)
    - Event will include some training and review of last year's exercise at the Lab.
    - EPR will work with HR regarding Union notification.
  - COOP Table Top Exercise is scheduled for 8/22/18
    - Involves Regions 8, 9 and 10
    - Scenario based.
    - Will utilize the standard Everbridge devolution notification.
    - Examples of issues will be discussed.
    - A separate reconstitution exercise should be completed by teams at a later date within each region involved.

(Note: if you reach out to your counterparts in the regions prior to the event, please cc: Danny and Tina on the call.)

- RA/DRA Updates
  - RA
    - The RA will have a candidate for the Senior Counsel position coming in for an interview on 4/6.
  - DRA
    - Reminder for OneDrive users - any attachments sent to smart phone users must be sent as a copy.
    - The Business Review meeting is scheduled for today from 1pm to 3pm in the RA conf. room.
    - The special emphasis program is hosting a speaker, Paula Williams, on 3/29 at 11:00.
    - The updates to the Lead Action Plan were incorporated and the plan was resent to the R8 Lead Strategy Team
- Round Robin
  - Darcy
    - Incorporated comments from OWP and the states into the Lead Action Plan.
    - Will reschedule the meeting on non-compliance issues for public water supplies.
    - Provided DRA with background information on the lead enforcement issue ECEJ is working on.

- The DRA has the Southern Ute Water Quality Task – includes a communication piece that is extensive. Please return to OWP when signed.
- We have not received an update on the status of the ND Class VI package, which is currently in OW.
- Follow up to NDMA meeting last week – OWP is working on setting up meetings with CDPHE, Aurora and Meridian next week.
- West Davis Corridor – Update on follow up.
- Betsy
  - EPA received some good press last week on the fire suppression.
  - Joe is working on the details of the Montana trip the week of April 9.
  - The draft agenda for the 4/3 Bonita Peak meeting will go to the state for review.
  - Jim Woolford, Director from HQ will be in R8 on 4/3 for the Bonita Peak meeting.
  - EPR received an inquiry from “Real Vail” requesting an interview on Colorado Mining legacy.
- Sandy
  - Beaverhead-Deerlodge USFS– NEPA Final EIS letter due 3/28
  - Bears Ears and Grand Staircase Escalante Scoping letters are due on 4/11.
- Patrice
  - TMS will be moving the week of 4/23 so many people will be teleworking.
  - Budget staff will be teleworking the week of 4/16 and 4/23.
  - The IT helpdesk has eliminated one position.
  - EAS is going down on 3/30 for at least 6 weeks. Please approve all requests no later than 3/29. TMS will provide additional information as we learn it.
  - Please complete the Y 19-21 Acquisition Forecast – it is due to Acquisitions by COB today.
  - On 3/28 HEP will be showing a video about Cesar Chavez in the Conference Center at 11:00.
- Brian
  - The Tribal Attorneys’ meeting at RTOC last week went very well.
- Libby
  - The XTO consent decree press release will go out today.
  - There is a Colorado Smelter tour on 3/26 planned for Senator Gardner’s staff
- Suzanne
  - ECEJ had a productive call 3/22 with the Crow Agency, BIA and IHS regarding NPDES violations related to wastewater lagoons.
  - Ute Consultation – Following up with tribal attorney regarding enforcement guidance.
  - ECEJ will be copying tribal attorneys on future inspection/enforcement-related communications with tribal leadership.
  - Colorado Springs – settlement matrix should be to the RA this week.
  - ACM Smelter – update on negotiations for RI/FS and past cost recovery.
  - Saratoga Springs – update on negotiations.
  - Fossil Water – working on expediting NEIC sample analysis.
  - Update on OECA plans regarding current and future National Enforcement Initiatives.
- Patrick
  - Smart Sector Region 8 – release this week. Several areas of focus.
  - El Paso County Commissioners very pleased with EPA assistance on the fire.
- Carl
  - Request RA updates from the meeting with Enefit for OPRA and EPR.
  - Denver Attainment SIP – working on the desk statement and will coordinate with the state before sending the proposed rule to the Federal Register.
  - Prep meeting 3/28 for the OAR Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator’s visit 3/29.

- Ute Tribe meeting last week – OAQPS is planning a public hearing in Denver on the proposed revision to the National oil and gas FIP for 4/23. The Tribe's preference may be that it is held in Utah at Fort Deschene.
- There are late revisions from the RCRA programs coming in on the Lead Action Plan – this will change the update the DRA sent earlier this morning.
- Kim V.
  - Thanks to all for all the assistance on a very successful RTOC event. Follow up discussions will be planned and will also follow up with the Federal Executive Board and tribal leaders.
  - Will be planning a consultation with MHA on UIC in Berthold in the next 30 to 60 days.
  - Bears Ears – two tribes are in litigation.
- Report from Deputies
  - Patrice
    - No Meeting last week.
    - This week, robust discussions are planned on the Audio Conf. Lines, EEO assistance, cross training, PARS, delegations, skills market place, and the quarterly review of the hiring guidelines.
- RECAP OF DECISIONS/TASKS/REMINDERS
  - COOP Devolution is scheduled for 6/14/18.
  - COOP Table Top Exercise is scheduled for 8/22/18.
  - Bears Ears/ Escalante NEPA scoping letters are due on 4/11.
  - Possible “National” FIP public meeting on 4/23.
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